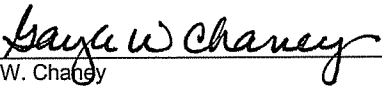


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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated June 23, 2009, having a term for response, with a one-month extension requested, by October 23, 2009. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks.